

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 remain in this application. Claims 3-4, 7-9, 12-14, 17 have been amended.

A preliminary amendment was filed on December 9, 2005, but apparently was not entered due to non compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. As Examiner, Mr. LILLING, required in the Office Action dated September 11, 2008, Applicants submit herewith a proper amendment for entry. A prompt and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,  
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